

REMARKS

REVIEW

The original application set forth claims 1-19 of which claims 1, 11 and 15 were independent claims. Pursuant to an election/restriction requirement, the present application sets forth original claims 1-10 and 15-19. Claims 11-14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Subsequent to a response to an earlier Office Action claims 3 and 17 have been cancelled.

Presently, claims 1, 2, and 4-10 have been indicated as allowed in view of the prior art. Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 stand collectively rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 stand collectively rejected due to the phrase “said withdrawing mechanism” lacking antecedent basis in claim 15.

35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above claim amendments, that the present 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection is moot. Withdrawal of such ground of rejection and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance based on the remaining claims, previously indicated as allowable, is earnestly solicited.

CITED RELEVANT PRIOR ART

It is not believed that any of the prior art cited either by the Examiner or the Applicant, alone or in combination either with each other or other cited prior art teaches, discloses, suggests or makes obvious the claimed features of the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the current grounds of rejection and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this amendment in order to permit early resolution of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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